

EVERETT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

PROJECT TITLE:

An ordinance establishing current rates for water, filtration, sewer, and storm water for the City of Everett.

11/02/16 Briefing
Proposed Action
Consent
Action
11/2/2016 First Reading
11/9/16 Second Reading
11/16/16 Third Reading
Public Hearing
Budget Advisory

COUNCIL BILL #
Originating Department
Contact Person
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FOR AGENDA OF

01610-45

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Initialed by:
Department Head
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Council President

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Location

Preceding Action

Ordinance #3299-12
Ordinance #3417-14

Attachments

Ordinance

Department(s) Approval

Amount Budgeted	-0-	
Expenditure Required	-0-	Account Number(s):
Budget Remaining	-0-	
Additional Required	-0-	

DETAILED SUMMARY STATEMENT: Everett Utilities has completed the 2016 water, filtration, sewer, and storm water cost of service study. The study indicates increased water and filtration charges are necessary to fund capital expenditures, and to meet water quality, supply, regulatory and financial obligations of Everett Utilities. Water and filtration rates, based on consumption of 700 cubic feet per month, will increase annually from the current charge of **\$29.734** per month to **\$29.876** per month in 2017, **\$31.060** per month in 2018, **\$32.232** in 2019, and **\$33.454** in 2020. Increased sewer and surface water charges are necessary to continue to aggressively maintain, replace, and expand utility infrastructure. Sewer rates will increase annually from the current Single-Family charge of \$59.87 per month to **\$67.22** in 2017, **\$71.26** in 2018, **\$75.33** in 2019, and **\$79.65** in 2020. Surface water rates for unsewered accounts increases annually from the current Single-Family charge of \$17.44 per month to **\$22.67** in 2017, **\$24.48** in 2018, **\$26.44** in 2019, and **\$28.56** in 2020. The overall utility bill increase for a single-family customer using 700 cubic feet of water per month will be 8.0% in 2017, 5.2% in 2018, 4.9% in 2019, and 5.0% in 2020.

RECOMMENDATION (Exact action requested of Council): That City Council adopt the ordinance adjusting water, filtration, sewer, and storm water rates as recommended.



ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ORDINANCE establishing rates for Everett sewer service and surface water management, rates for water and filtration for inside and outside City customers, rates for wholesale master meters, and repealing Ordinance Nos. 3417-14 (EMC 14.04.020) and 3299-12 (EMC 14.16.710-13).

WHEREAS, Ordinance 3417-14 was adopted on December 17, 2014 establishing current sewer and surface water management rates for Everett sewer customers; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 3299-12 was adopted on November 21, 2012, establishing current water and filtration rates for Everett water customers; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 cost of service study has been completed; and

WHEREAS, to cover the cost of service, a general rate increase is necessary to cover operations, maintenance and capital expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the charges herein are reasonable;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Everett does ordain:

Section 1: Effective January 1, 2017, and thereafter, service charges for the City of Everett sewer system are hereby fixed as follows:

A. Single family residence: \$67.22 per month

(The monthly charge includes Surface Water Quality Protection and Enhancement and the current state utility tax.)

B. For other than single family residence (multiple family residence, commercial, and industrial users, etc.) the rate shall be computed in accordance with the following formula:

Sewer services charge per month = \$7.47 per 100 cubic feet of metered water consumption

(The monthly charge includes Surface Water Quality Protection and Enhancement and the current state utility tax.)